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Dear Mr. Eastin,

I would take this opportunity to provide a bit of citizen input for your consideration for the Environmental Impact Statement scoping process for **Point Wells** project. My primary concern is with having the County and City planners take full advantage of all the tools possible to consider the best way of determining Multimodal Level of Service in order to have safe routes for bicyclists and pedestrians. It is very important to have a balance in this new development, and it is hoped that the development will be limited in scope to not burden the existing roads.

While the development will be a HUGE improvement over the many years of having tanker trucks grind up the hill in Richmond Beach, it is imperative that the development be balanced for all users, not just massive housing to be slowly downgraded through the next 100 years. Richmond Beach and Woodway both have unique qualities that must be cherished for current residents, not just for new construction.

I live just northwest of Westgate in Edmonds, and walk/cycle along Woodway Park Road. For a few years I lived in Richmond Beach after the tanker trucks from Point Wells slowed down. As an avid walker and bicyclist, as well as a Safe Routes to Schools advocate, I want to let my opinion be heard as a citizen interested in making sure that the development at Pt. Wells in Woodway does not overload our system of roads. The roads and sidewalks in the vicinity of Pt. Wells are on a favorite walking route for friends and family to use for local bike rides to Shoreline and through to Seattle. Currently this is a very popular route with low traffic. After the site is developed, the concern is that these roads will NO LONGER be safe. I have worked with several local groups to ensure children have safe routes to bicycle and walk to reduce childhood obesity. Locally, Verdant Health Stevens Swedish Hospital have programs to promote healthy lifestyles and would hope to have the Point Wells area considered safe to use for family activities without regard to overcrowding of the roads.

At present the roads, especially Richmond Beach Road and Woodway Park Road, the main bicycle commuter links, are only marginally safe for bicyclists. With the anticipated significant increase in traffic almost all roads will become unsafe. The developer has said he will provide for bicyclists and it is important to hold the developer to this commitment. Because of limited right of way and steep grades it will be difficult and costly to provide the necessary separation between bicyclists and pedestrians and the far greater number of vehicles expected after development.

It would be appreciated if the planners could consider reducing the size of the proposed development in order that the developer might have a balanced community development using the multimodal level of service directives as a guideline for auto, transit, light rail, walking and bicycling use.

Thank you for your time,

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